(d) if so, the steps being taken to implement the judgement of the Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) Although no such report has come to the notice of the Government, a Report on assessment of ground realities regarding the impact of Shrimp Farming activities on environment in coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu has been recently received, which was prepared by a joint team of 10 experts from the Central Institute of Fisheries Education. Mumbai and the Central Institute of Brackish-water Aquaculture, Chennai.

The Main conclusions in the report are that the benefits accured out of shrimp farming activities are for exceeding the negative impacts on the environment and that any action inhibiting the shrimp farming activities would result in complete collapse of the present rural economy in coastal areas. The study further indicates that the negative impacts of shrimp farming are generally of feeble nature and can be easily curbed.

(c) and (d) A Petition has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking review of its judgement dated 11.12.96. The matter is *sub judice.*

Financial Assistance to Handicapped Persons

2154. SHRI CHHATAR SINGH DARBAR :
SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR :
SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH :
SHRI K.S. RAYUDU :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to give financial assistance to the handicapped/totally disabled persons under any scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ;

(d) the details of the provision for reservation for the handicapped persons in Central Government Services;

(e) whether the provision of 3% reservation in the Government jobs for handicapped and disabled is being implemented in the Ministries & Public Sector Undertakings of the Government ;

(f) if so, the number of such persons employed during the last one year and the percentage yet to be filled in out of the left over quota,

(g) whether the Chief Commissioner of Handicapped has since been appointed; and

(h) if so, the date on which he has been appointed and if not, the reasons for not filling the post since February, 1996?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (c) A National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation has been registered on 24.1.97 under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 to provide opportunities for skill development and loan assistance on easy terms to the disabled persons to set up self- employment ventures.

(d) As per Section 33 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and full participation) Act, 1995, Central Government is required to appoint in every establishment such percentage of vacancies not less than three per cent for persons or class of persons with disability of which one per cent each shall be reserved for persons suffering from (i) blindness or low vision; (ii) hearing impairment; (iii) locomotor disability or cerebral palsy in the posts identified for each disability.

(e) and (f) The required information has been called for from concerned Ministries/Deptts. and public sector undertakings.

(g) and (h) Appointment of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities at the National level has been made by Government order dated 5.6.97

Mobile Vans under Public Distribution System

2155. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have worked out "Mobile Vans Scheme to supply essential commodities" and to distribute food supply to hilly and other far flung areas in the country;

(b) if so, the extent to which this scheme has achieved success, State-wise;

(c) the financial assistance provided to each State for purchase of mobile vans during 1997 till date;

(d) whether some States have failed to avail of this scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of 103295 Fair Price Shops (FPS) in the former Revamped PDS areas 52932 FPS are covered under Door Step delivery scheme. State-wise position of coverage of FPS under door-step delivery scheme is given in the Statement - I attached .

(c) State-Wise financial assistance provided under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for purchase of mobile vans/ trucks during 1997 till date (upto 31.7.97) is given in the Statement- II attached.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Only 7 States have availed of the financial assistance under this scheme during 1997 till 31st July, 1997. The reasons relate mainly to non-submission of proposals, ineligibility of proposals on account of non-submission of utilisation certificates of past assistance sanctioned under the scheme and the limited budget provision available in the last quarter of the 1996-97 financial year.

Statement-I

Statement Indicating the State-wise Fair Frice Shops in the former Revamped PDS Areas and their Coverage under Door-Step Delivery Scheme

S.No.	State/UT	Total No. of FPS in RPDS areas	No. FPS under door-step delivery
1.	Andhra Pradesh	8233	8233
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	928	928
3.	Assam	4117	4117
4.	Bihar	9402	1854
5.	Gujarat	4738	776
6.	Haryana	2132	2132
7.	Himanchal Pradesh	171	64
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	642	10
9.	Karnataka	8185	8142
10.	Kerala	1530	1515
11.	Madhya Pradesh	7575	7575
12.	Maharashtra	13755	2500
13.	Manipur	604	604
14.	Meghalaya	3839	nil
15.	Mizoram	957	180
16.	Nagaland	269	nil
17.	Orissa	9444	nil
18.	Rajasthan	9257	9234
19.	Sikkim	253	54
20.	Tamil Nadu	2365	1282
21.	Tripura	517	nil
22.	Uttar Pradesh	10298	3630
23.	West Bengal	3840	nil
24.	A & N Islands	67	67
25.	D & N Haveli	71	nil
26.	Daman & Diu	71	nil
27.	Lakshadweep	35	35
	Total :	103295	52932

Statement- II

Statement Indicating the State-wise Financial Assistance sanctioned under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for purchase of Mobile Vans/Trucks during the Year 1997 (1.1.97 to 31.7.97)

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State	Amount
1.	Andhra Pradesh	56.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	38.61
3.	Jammu & Kashmir	26.27
4.	Kerala	32.00
5.	Madhya Pradesh	80.00
6.	Maharashtra	80.00
7.	Mizoram	35.08
	Total	347.99

Police-Criminal Nexus

2156. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Pachas Hazar Rupye Har Roj Dakar Jati Hai Delhi Police" appearing in *Jansatta*, dated May 16, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein ; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. However, the inquiryso far made by the Delhi Police has not established either the allegation of mis-appropriation of the part of the money seized from the premises of the dealer in question in the course of the raid conducted by the police nor the allegation that the dealers in lottery tickets were made to pay any illegal gratification to the SHO of the local Police Station.

Dumping of Hazardous Wastes

2157. SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR :
SHRI PRAKASH VISHWANATH PARANJPE :
DR. LAXMI NARAYAN PANDEY :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Australian hazardous waste (Copper ash, lead waste and scrap, zinc waste and scrap etc.) are being